## Ratatouille

4 servings

- 2 Tb olive oil
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 eggplant cubed
- 1 zucchini cubed
- 1 yellow squash cubed
- Celtic sea salt
- Fresh Pepper
- 1 yellow or red bell peppers, ribs and seeds removed cubed
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup black olives, pitted and sliced
- 4 large tomatoes diced
- 1 tsp dried thyme or 2 tsp dried thyme
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 Tb flavorful extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Tb apple cider vinegar
  - In a Dutch oven oil over medium low. Add onions, cook stirring occasionally, until soft about 5 minutes
  - Add garlic, cook until fragrant, about 1 minute
  - Stir in eggplant cook 3-4 minutes, If the pan is dry sprinkle a little water into the pan.
  - Add zucchini and squash season with salt and pepper
  - Add ½ cup water, cover and simmer until vegetables begin to soften, about 5 minutes
  - Stir in bell peppers and simmer covered until softened about 5 minutes
  - Stir in tomatoes and thyme and bring to a boil.
  - Reduce heat to medium-low, partially cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, 15-20 minutes
  - Remove from heat, stir in basil, olive oil and apple cider vinegar. Taste for salt and serve

## A few more things...

Add cooked white beans if you want more protein. Buy organic beans in a BPA free can. Eden Organic is a good brand.